

REMARKS

This document is filed in reply to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006 ("Office Action"). Applicants have amended claims 1 and 55, as suggested by the Examiner, to more clearly set forth the claimed invention. Applicants have also incorporated into claim 1 the limitation recite in claim 2, which has necessitated the cancellation of claim 2. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1 and 3-79 are pending. Among them, claims 26-54 and 56-79 have been withdrawn from further consideration for covering a non-elected invention. Claims 1, 3-25, and 55 are under examination. Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claim 55 for directing to non-statutory subject matter. See the Office Action, page 2, item 1. Applicants have amended claim 55 as suggested by the Examiner and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 9-10, and 17-25 for lack of written description. See the Office Action, page 3, lines 5-9. Claims 2-8 and 11-16 were not rejected on the same ground. In other words, they meet the written description requirement. In the sole interest of moving this case toward allowance, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation recited in claim 2.

In view of the amendment, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, meets the written description requirement. Claims 9-10 and 17-25 depend from claim 1. At least for the same reasons, they also meet the requirement. Thus, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-8 and 11-16 for depending from a rejected base claim. See the Office Action, page 5, last paragraph. In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection has been overcome or rendered moot.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the rejections and objection asserted by the Examiner have been overcome, and that the claims, as amended, define subject matter that is patentable. Allowance of this application is therefore proper, and early favorable action is solicited.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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